

Stoke Environment Group

Minutes of Meeting 17 on 15th February 2023

Attendees: Karen Housego, Dave Smith, Andrew Boyle, Polly Burns-Cox, Trevor Williams, Sarah Evans, Dave Evans, Nicolette Williams, Helen Grant, Bryony Slaymaker, Fi McQueen, Ian Upshall (12)

Apologies: Emma Arthurs (1)

1 Welcome and Apologies

2 Review Task List for 2023

Management of the Village Hall Spinney – Saturday 11th Feb did the first phase of coppicing and ground clearing. Next ground clearing on Saturday 25th Feb 10am, all help welcome. Bird boxes have now arrived and will be put up too.

Grafting workshop – unfortunately needs to be delayed due to waiting for a delivery of the root stock. AB to inform IU of delivery and a date will then be fixed.

Royal Oak Bus-stop - Discussion about art-work. KH to investigate. Discussed a tile mosaic for the lower panels.

EnviroFair23 - List of confirmed stands and those waiting for response from.

Discussed ideas of other groups/people to invite. Raffle to be three baskets with goodies in. Suggestions and donations very much appreciated. Serious Tissues are giving us some samples to be included. Photo competition to be run again this year, discussed Spring theme with photographs of the area taken in March and April. FJM is inviting local groups again as we have in previous years. Discussed advertising with DE and NW.

Footpaths – SE has written two more walks, another to follow, all details on the website www.envirostoke.org/seg. She will be looking for people to ‘test’ the routes and route descriptions in due course.

Newsletter – Ideas and contributions for next edition. Discussed including the countryside code, a gentle reminder about picking up dog mess. The Footpath group are having to deal with lots of dog mess when they are clearing footpaths, which is very unpleasant. Articles to include spring cleaning and making a wild garden. Will be ready to go out by 1st April. Volunteers needed to deliver.

Presentation Talks – Discussed a range of smaller events to have throughout 2023 (see attachment).

3 Finance – Update

SEG RHS subscription and insurance paid for 2023.
Funds sufficient to hold all events this year.

4 Website and Social Media

DE and NW working on timelines for advertising for events throughout the year.
DE adding information and details on the website, www.envirostoke.org/seg

5 Village Plan – Update

Village Plan will be finished by end of March 2023. Danny James is invited to SEG March meeting to talk about the Village Plan.

6 Coronation weekend event: Village Fete - Monday 8th May 2023

Suggestions about our contribution by next meeting. Monday 8th is National Volunteering Day, so should consider how we could promote volunteering in our community. One suggestion was to organise a litter pick and to collect back at our stand to show the quantity and type of litter collected. More ideas needed - please bring to next meeting.

7 AOB

Next Meeting – Wednesday 15th March 2023 at The Café, HOTV at 7.30pm.

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